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**PRESS RELEASE**

The African-American Coalition for Diversity in Government, a non-partisan group of professionals, business owners, community leaders and members of the clergy, applauded Governor Jon S. Corzine's address to the joint session of the legislature today.

"Governor Corzine's bold and comprehensive plan to guide New Jersey through tough economic times is welcomed and needed" stated Pamela T. Miller, Esq., the group's chairperson.

"Economic development is the Governor's area of expertise, and we need the application of that skill set now more than ever", said Thom Jackson, Esq., a founding member of the group.

The group applauded the Governor's plan that calls for tax breaks for businesses, jobs creation in clean energy and infrastructure and relief for New Jersey homeowners facing foreclosure.

The group's leaders expressed their particular support for the plan's projected positive impact on distressed urban areas where foreclosure rates, unemployment and economic stagnation are particularly problematic.

Several members of the Coalition attended the Governor's address today in Trenton as a show of the group's support for the Governor's plan.

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